The undersigned, Howard J. Rudge, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY, 1007 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19898 USA ("DuPont"), hereby confirms that the power to sign for DuPont has been granted to various individuals (as set forth in the attached excerpt from DuPont's Patent Board Rules of Procedure (January 1988), Appendix Section III.A.4), including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and those individuals who are Assistant Secretaries of the Patent Board. Currently these Assistant Secretaries are:

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In addition, the authority to act on behalf of DuPont before the competent International Authorities in connection with any and all international patent applications filed by it with the United States as Receiving Office and to make or receive payments on its behalf is hereby granted to:

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Gould, David J.	25,338	Steinberg, Thomas W.	37,013
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Heiser, David E.	31,366	Tulloch, Rebecca W.	36,297
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The undersigned ratifies fully all actions already taken by the above-named individuals in accordance with the authority granted hereby.

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Date: February 19, 1999